

REGULAR AGENDA MEETING
Mayor and Council
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey
March 8, 2021

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Formal Action may or may not be taken.

Any other business that may come before the Council

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order

Time: 7:01pm

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD and SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

(ALB) Roll Call:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)		x
WALKER (DW)	x	
BROCKMAN (JB)	x	
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

Also present:

Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, CMC, RMC, CMR Admin.

Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC (KJT)

Mr. John R. Dineen, Borough Attorney (JRD)

(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-

All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.

Consent Approval Items:

2021-55 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR THE SERVICES OF INTERBORO RADIO (A)

2021-56 LOSAP-Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps (B)

2021-57 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (C)

2021-58 Full Time Finance Office Employee (D)

2021-59 Resolution Imploring the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, and CDC to Alter COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution to Better Meet the Needs of Harrington Park Residents (E)

Motion JP

Second AN

No Discussion

Vote AIF abstention from DW item B

Individual Committee Reports

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance

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(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel

(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling

(JB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission

(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants

There will be a delay in the Bills List. Once completed it will be forwarded to Council for approval.

Office is currently working with auditors

\$310,000 will be spent for the new Fire Truck

AN thanked Council for approving this purchase along with the other (larger) vehicle for the department. A good financial deal was put together.

(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information

(JRD) Borough Attorney

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

Next week Resolutions for Curb Ramps on County Roads-Paving Program

Community Development ADA Borough Hall Sidewalks FY2020-21

These resolutions will be on next week's meeting agenda for approval.

(KJT) CFO/TAX Collector

Old Business:

(AN) 2021-60 Building Department Positions Addendum F

AN explained that 5 positions have been filed with one left open for the RCCO process. There is someone available to temporarily fill the position until Council decides if they are going to amend the current ordinance.

Motion was made by AN with a second from DW, being noted that not only was the Building Department involved by once all candidates were chosen, Finance Committee reviewed.

No further discussion

Roll Call Vote-AIF

(DW) 2021-61 Department of Public Works Position Addendum G

18 applications were received and reviewed. 9 candidates has CDLS, Committee chose to interview, 3 did not respond, 1 declined.

DW made a motion to approve the hiring for the Department of Public Works position with a second by AN, all were in favor.

New Business:

(AN) Fire Marshal

Final inspections are underway for the 179 units at Allegro, plus there is additional training and a variety of tasks that pertain to this project. Fees are collected by the State and rebated back to the Borough, and the Marshal has requested that his salary be reviewed and updated for the additional responsibilities. AN will discuss further with the Finance Committee and CFO.

Request for consideration for leasing a new inspection vehicle to be used by Building Inspectors and the Fire Marshal. Will need direction from the Finance Department.

Mr. Zavardino will be retiring from the Building Department as of April 1, 2021. AN would like to present him with a proclamation with information provided by Ms. Rielly and KJT. ALB will put together.

(JB) Noted that his counterpart in Norwood put together resolution Addendum E to help enable a Micro center for vaccines for the Northern Valley area. All were thanked for their support and he hopes that this helps move things forward.

(JP) Clarified that the assistant in the Finance Office has resigned and there was a need for a full time employee for that office. Ms. Krivoruk, who had previously worked for the Borough was rehired for this position. She will be starting March 18, 2021.

(JC) 2021-62 Declaring Solidarity with Asian and Asian-American Community Addendum H

Covid 19 has created many challenges for all. Often there is misunderstanding towards Chinese community as well as those with Asian descent/heritage. There has been a rise

in physical and racial attacks against this community. As a community, 30% of the Harrington Park residents are Asian. These residents have been fortunate to live in such an inclusive area. However, outside of this general area, violence is occurring, and that is unacceptable. Law enforcement has been helpful and understanding, but our nation is suffering. It is time to take a stance against all the poisoning rhetoric.

While New Jersey is a melting pot of nationalities, this has still become a health and safety issue, and there is a long way to go to protect the Asian community.

Councilwoman Chung made the motion to approve Addendum H, with a second by JP. All of Council was in favor. ALB will distribute to all entities on the resolution.

PAH thanked JC for bring such an important issue to council, and share her personal heartfelt feelings to bring attention to this matter.

JC continued that Harrington Park is such a welcoming community, however, other are not. As a wife, mother and daughter, no one should have to endure such fear for their loved ones.

(ALB) Lamoid Ordinance

ALB reported that her office has received request for permission to have Alpacas as pets in the Borough. The resident explained that it most likely would be 2 since they are social animals. They do not fall under our current ordinance that places restrictions of hooved animals.

The request was forwarded to the Board of Health and some research was done to determine what requirements are necessary to provide a safe environment for such animals.

JRD determined that it may be best to amend out current ordinance and include the Lamoid family (considered livestock by the State of New Jersey) to provide oversight and animal safety. Ordinance amendment will be on the March 15, 2021 agenda for First Reading.

Ordinances:

Motion to Open to the General Public JP

Second AN

Vote AIF

No Public

Motion to Close to the General Public JP

Second DW

Vote AIF

(PAH) Motion for Closed Session AN Time:7:30pm

JP Recused

Second DW

Vote AIF

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

(GE) Personnel-Police Chief Contract

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

Return to Open Session 7:59pm

Adjournment-Time: 8:00pm

Motion: DW

Second: JC

AIF

Addendum A RESOLUTION

2021-55

ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR THE SERVICES OF INTERBORO RADIO

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Alpine, Closter, Haworth, Harrington Park, Norwood, Northvale and Rockleigh collectively operate the Interboro Regional Police Communications Network originally formed under the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq. (repealed 2007); and

WHEREAS, consolidating communications operations enables the operating entities to continue to carry out their duties with no perceived change in their normal operations; and

WHEREAS, the County and Interboro are currently party to a shared services agreement under which the County, through the Department of Public Safety, Division of Bergen County Communications – Public Safety Operations, Center provides 9-1-1 communications and public safety dispatch services to the Interboro Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of this agreement was for five (5) years, commencing January 1, 2011 and terminating December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the agreement was renewed for a second, five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County and Interboro wish to enter into a new agreement with each other for the above stated services upon the terms set forth in herein; and

WHEREAS, the new agreement shall be for a five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Interboro Municipalities are desirous of renewing their agreement which consolidated their 9-1-1 communications and public safety dispatch services with the County of Bergen and all have passed corresponding resolutions authorizing entry into this Agreement with the County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale is desirous of having the County of Bergen provide said services to the Borough of Northvale.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Harrington Park that the said agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2025 at an annual payment of \$300,900 to be paid by Interboro in quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year and the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute such agreement

**Addendum B
RESOLUTION
2021-56**

LOSAP-Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park has adopted a LOSAP program for the members of the Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Walker, President of Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps has certified that certain eligible members meet the established criteria, a copy of said list of eligible members for the year 2020 being attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park hereby authorizes the Borough Treasurer to initiate the LOSAP payments in the names of those deemed eligible to receive them.

**Addendum C
RESOLUTION
2021-57**

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park is required by the NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Management Program to file a 2020 Annual Report, Questionnaire and attend a meeting for same; and

WHEREAS, the services of Neglia Engineering have been requested to provide engineering services for the above referenced project; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the agreement of engineering services will be completed on a lump sum basis for a cost of \$3,510.00 and subject to provided standard terms and conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement of services of Neglia Engineering, 34 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey to file the Year 2020 Annual Report for NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Management Program.

Acct# 0-01-20-510-000-200

**Addendum D
Resolution
2021-58**

Full Time Finance Office Employee

WHEREAS, Lisa Krivoruk had for some time been employed by the Borough of Harrington Park in the areas of administration and within the Finance Department;

WHEREAS, Lisa Krivoruk has offered to return to her employment within the Finance Department of the Borough of Harrington Park since the position she had once occupied has now again become vacant.

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee determined that it was in the best interest of the Borough of Harrington Park to reemploy Lisa Krivoruk's within the Finance Department at a salary of \$55,000.00 (Full time) from March 18 2021, and other terms and conditions established;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby ratify and confirm the terms and conditions of Lisa Krivoruk's reemployment and further providing that the Chief Finance Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds available and shall take such action as necessary to affect the terms herein.

**Addendum E
2021-59**

**Resolution Imploring the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, and
CDC to Alter COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution to Better Meet the
Needs of Harrington Park Residents**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that has caused significant loss in the Harrington Park community; and

WHEREAS, numerous effective vaccines to prevent the transmission and/or severity of disease associated with COVID-19 exist; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Health, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention collectively serve as "gatekeepers" for distribution of COVID-19 vaccines ; and

WHEREAS, prior to February 15, 2021 local municipalities and consortiums were given allotments to vaccinate residents within their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, as of February 18, 2021 the Bergen County Department of Health has announced it will no longer allot vaccines to local municipalities or consortiums; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Department of Health has enacted an unrealistic and unnecessary burden on Harrington Park residents, expecting our community to travel in excess of 30 minutes to distribution sites in either Paramus or East Rutherford

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Harrington Park implores the Bergen County Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Health, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to acknowledge the unnecessary and inadequate burden it has enacted on Harrington Park residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Borough requests the gatekeepers alter their distribution program to better meet the needs of Harrington Park residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Bergen County Executive James Tedesco, the Bergen County Commissioners, Governor Phil Murphy, Commissioner Judith Persichilli, State Assemblyman Robert Auth, State Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi, Congressman Josh Gottheimer, Senator Cory Booker, Senator Robert Menendez, Administrator Rochelle Walensky.

Addendum F
RESOLUTION
Building Department Positions
2021-60

WHEREAS, Joe Zavardino has for some time been employed by the Borough of Harrington Park in the areas of administration of the Building Department and is now retiring as of March 30, 2021; WHEREAS, Joe Zavardino in concert with the Council has helped vet candidates to fill the myriad of positions that he will be vacating;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee determined that it was in the best interest of the Borough of Harrington Park to employ those individuals referenced in the chart below effective as of April 1, 2021 to dispatch the obligations of the Building Department, necessary for the health welfare and safety of the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby employ and otherwise accept the following individuals to be employed by the Borough of Harrington Park at the positions and on the terms referenced in the chart included herein and directing that any and all action shall be taken to confirm these individuals to the positions referenced: Scott Wickersham, Construction Official, Charles Batch, Fire Subcode Official, Robert Rusch , Building Subcode and Inspector, Jimmy Kim, Zoning Official and further providing that the Chief Finance Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds available.

Name	Position	Position Notes	Agreed Salary	Work day(s)	Hours
Scott Wickershiem	Construction Official	Manages entire department	\$ 14,000	Wednesday	Office hours 3PM-7PM + additional 1 hour to catch up with Debra Additional field work will be handled as needed every week
Charles Batch	Fire Subcode	Has additional certifications and can serve as back up	\$ 8,000	Tuesday and Thursday	4 hours per week
Robert Rusch	Building subcode and inspector	Has additional certifications and can serve as back up	\$ 15,000	Tuesday and Thursday	4-6 hours per week
Jimmy Kim	Zoning official	Architect/bilingual – Speaks Korean	\$ 6,200	Tuesday and Thursday	3-Hours Estimate

Addendum G
Resolution
2021-61

Department of Public Works Employee Position

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists within the DPW of the Borough of Harrington Park;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that for the DPW of the Borough of Harrington Park to perform its work efficiently it needs a full complement of employees, all for the benefit of the health welfare and safety of its residents;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee determined, after accepting applications and vetting prospective candidates that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Harrington Park to hire James

Spirou to fill such vacancy, effective March 22, 2021 at Step 3 of the DPW Contract and the yearly salary of \$49,302.17;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby ratify and confirm the findings of the Finance Committee and hereby employ James Spirou on the terms and conditions referenced above and further providing that the Chief Finance Officer certifies that there are sufficient funds available and shall take such action as necessary to affect the terms herein.

Addendum H

Resolution

2021-62

Declaring Solidarity with the Asian and Asian-American Community

WHEREAS, hate crimes motivated by anti-Asian sentiment have jumped 1,900% in New York City in 2020 and almost 3,000 reports of anti-Asian discrimination between March 19 and December 31, 2020 have been recorded by the **Stop AAPI Hate**;

WHEREAS, racially-motivated assaults and harassment targeting of Asian and Asian-American seniors have dramatically increased, including the recent attack and subsequent tragic death of 84-year-old Vicha Ratanapakdee in San Francisco on January 28, 2021;

WHEREAS, in response to the xenophobic and inflammatory rhetoric about COVID-19 President Joseph Biden issued an Executive Order on January 26, 2021 during the first week of his administration;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park unanimously resolved and declared racism as a public health crisis to the residents of Harrington Park and unanimously request to pass a resolution to support measures at the municipal and state level to combat the insidious and persistent impact of racism.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council to:

1. Condemn and denounce racism, xenophobia and intolerance in all forms.
2. Call on public officials in other municipalities and at the state level to condemn and denounce racism, xenophobia and intolerance in all forms and stand with us in solidarity with the Asian and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders communities.
3. Continues to promote and advocate for equality and equity through all policies approved by the Mayor and Council.
4. Recognize the dedication of Asian and Asian-American frontline medical workers, teachers, police and fire officers and essential workers. They along with their colleagues show up to work every day so that our society can still function. The strain of COVID is particularly heavy for Asian and Asian-American frontline and essential workers because

they have been personally attacked for their ethnicity in the midst of providing their essential services to us.

5. Continue to advocate locally and through the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, New Jersey Conference of Mayors and all other appropriate associations for relevant policies that improve health in communities of color.
6. Support local, state, regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism.
7. Further work to solidify alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and encourage other local, state, regional and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis.
8. Support community efforts to amplify community efforts to be anti-racist and to combat discrimination and xenophobia while engaging actively and authentically with communities of color wherever they live.
9. Promote and support policies and resources that prioritize the health of all people, such as bystander intervention programs like <https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/>.
10. Encourage racial equity training among all community partners, vendors and contractors.
11. Call upon Bergen County Executive Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders to declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies in the County of Bergen.
12. Call upon Governor Murphy, State Senate President Sweeney, and State Assembly Speaker Coughlin to also declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies of the state of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Murphy, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Weinberg, Assemblywoman Schepisi, Assemblyman Auth and Bergen County Executive Tedesco, for their review and potential action.